

**Please read this Comment aloud at the Board meeting**

As a citizen and voter concerned about unintended consequences of public actions on our fragile environment, it is deeply disturbing to see the DWC proposing to support the Delta tunnels without having done proper homework. Why are you set on promoting the Delta tunnels before you have performed a comprehensive review and analysis required by the Delta Reform Act and a benefit-cost analysis before declaring the Tunnels to be the preferred alternative? You owe all of us who depend on the health of the San Francisco Bay/Delta an answer to that question.

All signs so far indicate that the Delta tunnels are a political gambit that is unaffordable and a giveaway to wealthy corporate agricultural interests in the San Joaquin valley that have overdrawn the local aquifers, used water wastefully and planted inappropriate crops for a region that will grow even hotter and dryer over time. The Delta tunnels if ever built all the science to date indicates that they will permanently destroy the water sources and livelihoods of Delta communities and irreparably damage the San Francisco Bay/Delta ecosystem.

At this point, since DWC has not yet done its homework, proposing to promote and prefer the Delta tunnels does not meet your duty to the public. In fact, your proposal suggests that the Board is willing to be a tool of those who support unsustainable water consumption by wealthy San Joaquin Valley corporate agricultural interests.

Please do your homework before you make act.

Thank you.

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